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EXIT: THE BATTLESHIPS

The U. S. Navy announced recently that the U. S. S. Wisconsin, the last battleship on active duty, is making its final cruise the first part of November. By the time you read this, the Wisconsin might have completed the trip from Norfolk to New York, where it will go into mothballs.

Navy sources say it is doubtful if the ship will ever again be placed in service. Battleships have been so greatly superseded by carriers and other vessels, including fast carriers and missiles cruisers that many experts feel that their day is over.

In September the United States used its last two active battleships in the Allied naval maneuvers. Since that time, the Iowa, one of them, has been put out of commission. Now the Wisconsin, the other one which participated in the exercise, also goes into mothballs.

This is a significant and historical event. It is the first time in over sixty years the United States has had no active battleships. It is the end of an era, *so to speak.*

The battleship has not been the war vessel of overwhelming importance to this country that it was to England and several other countries. In World War I, for instance, the British battleships (and German battleships) fought it out for the supremacy of the seas.

The United States, in that war, did not have the fleet England had nor were we engaged in the war until after the Battle of Jutland, which decided the war on the sea. By the time of World War II — when we had a navy comparable to any in the world — the battleship had, knowingly, become obsolete.

The Japanese struck down the U. S. battleship fleet at Pearl Harbor and though some thought this was a tragedy which would break the back of the U. S. Navy, it soon became apparent that the aircraft carrier had already supplanted the battleship as the war vessel of primary importance in sea operations.

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EATING HIGH ON THE HOG

The latest discoveries in the field of diet and nutrition show conclusively that the diet of the average American is a poor excuse for adequate fuel to run our bodies. Americans, the richest people on earth, are one of the worst fed. By that, we do not mean Americans fail to consume enough calories or perhaps enough vitamins. But they are prone to consume far too many carbohydrates, sweets and fats.

Studies which have been made public in recent years show that, during World War II, when the percentage of fat was decreased in the diets of various peoples, the ratio of heart attack also was reduced. It has long been known that refined sweets, such as white sugar, are consumed in excessive quantities by most Americans. Likewise, we are inclined to eat too much bread and too many starches.

Many experts believe that natural sweets, such as molasses, honey, fruits and other readily-available items, are better for the body than the artificial sweets, such as candy, refined sugar, etc.

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INTERPRETATION OF RECENT STATE ELECTION

A commentator in Sunday's New York Times notes that the November 5 elections throughout the country resulted in great sweeps for the Democrats, but he adds a note that the result of the election in Virginia might be more of the nature of a warning to the Democrats. It is now most unlikely that the Republicans will carry a Southern state in quite some time, but this commentator suggests that in 1960, the South may not want to vote Democratic either, offering instead a candidate and platform of its own unless the national Democratic powers listen to the traditional views of the South on States Rights, etc. Also noted was the result of a recent poll by the Richmond, Va. newspapers, which showed that Virginians would prefer to see public schools closed to having any school integration at all. We concur, that that is a fair deduction from the November 5 election results. Virginians do not want that to happen, but they do not intend to be forced into a complete change in their way of life.

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REDS LICK FLU

The Russians claim a Soviet doctor has developed a quick-acting and highly effective "cure" for the Asian flu.

A report from Moscow says that Dr. A. K. Shubladze, of the Ivanoff Institute of Virgology, has developed a powder, made from horse serum, which can be inhaled, and which will prevent or cure the flu.

The powder is something like snuff and is inhaled into the nostrils. It is very cheap and Russian sources reveal that it is sold (without a prescription) for only twenty-five cents.

This may herald a return of snuff to the United States. If one could throw a little horse serum in the old style snuff and thereby knock out Asian flu, we would have quite a few snuff-sniffers in this country in short order. As far as we are concerned, we would like to see of the medicated snuff brought into the United States. If the Russians actually do have a cure for the Asian flu, which is available in limited quantities in the United States, it may be that they have achieved a "suptnik" in the field of medicine, and perhaps it could herald the return of snuff-sniffing in the best of families.

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Life's problems: Well people who think they are sick and sick people who think they are well.

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Some of our citizens are so organized that they haven't time to mind their own business.

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The true believer in the merit, or honor system, will accept nothing that he has not earned.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

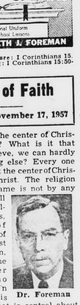
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 15. Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 15:50-58.

Center of Faith

Lesson for November 17, 1957

WHERE is the center of Christian faith? What is it that if we don't believe, we can hardly believe anything else? Every one would agree that the center of Christian faith is Christ. The religion called by his name is not by any means first of all a philosophy, a collection of ideas, a system of thought, a set of rituals. It is first of all a Person, and then it is the lives of other persons who have been touched by this Person. But what is central about Jesus? His virgin birth? His teaching? His cross? His character? Nowhere in the New Testament is his birth mentioned except in two Gospels, so we have no reason to say that the early Church considered his birth, or the manner of it, highly important. His teaching is referred to in most epistles, but only in a rather sketchy way. We have to go back to the Gospels to find what Jesus taught. Much stress was laid on the cross by the early Church, but even this takes second place.



Dr. Foreman

Central for the Church

In the Greek New Testament, in the part outside the Gospels, —that is, the part that contains the early Christian preaching and teaching—there are 11 specific references to Christ's cross and nine to the crucifixion—a total of twenty. On the other hand there are eight references to the resurrection of Christ, and the expression "God raised him from the dead" or equivalent phrases, will be found 32 times—a total of forty. From the data we have in our New Testaments, therefore, we can say that the resurrection loomed twice as large, in the mind of the early Church, as did the crucifixion. Paul in his Corinthian letter uses the words meaning "of first importance" about Christ's crucifixion and resurrection; but he dwells on the resurrection at much greater length, as any reader can see for himself.

Central for Faith

Consider what the situation would be if Christ had not risen from the dead. In the first place, we should not have had the Church. It is on record that the disciple forsook the crucified Jesus, but the risen Christ drew their strongest and undying loyalty. It was the resurrection that changed a band of timid men, even cowards, into the beginnings of a mighty army to overspread the earth.

Someone asked a French statesman what it would take to start a new religion. Very simple, said the old man. Just get yourself crucified and then rise from the dead!

If Christ had not risen, what would be remembered of him? Some of his teachings very likely; there would be no essential difference between him and other teachers of the past. If Christ had not risen, we might have admired his thoughts and the way he expressed them. The risen Christ challenges more than admiration, —devotion. More than once in the New Testament the resurrection appears also as the one single event more than any other, which carried the first Christians' minds to heights of faith.

His Life and Ours

Men did not arrive at belief in Christ's deity by pondering the crucifixion, rather by meditating on the resurrection. It is the resurrection that gives the crucifixion its meaning.

Besides all this, it is clear in the New Testament that the resurrection of Christ is our best way of understanding what our own destiny will be. There is a great deal we do not understand about this. Not all the New Testament together answers all our questions. But Paul sees the Easter story as so important that if it had not happened our whole faith is vain. Furthermore, the best reason for believing that death will not make an end of Christ's people is that death did not make an end of him. If he went on living, changed yet the same, so we may believe that after this present life is over and our work here done, we too, in ways of which only God knows the secret, will go on living, changed,—bearing "the image of the man of heaven"—yet still our very selves with the weakness and the darkness gone, imperishable and victorious, sharing his conquest of death.

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Washington Notes

ACTIVE TB

The Public Health Service and the National Tuberculosis Association have released a statement that there is an estimated total of 250,000 active tuberculosis cases in this country, despite a drop of nearly 30 per cent in the last five years. Almost forty per cent of the total are "unknown" to medical and health autorities.

AUTO OUTPUT

Auto makers are gaining momentum in 1958 model output, bringing the total output for the last week in October above the comparable 1956 period. So far this year, 4,907,584 cars have been built in United States factories, compared with 4,557,151 units assembled in the same period of 1956.

PARKING FUNDS

The American Automobile Association has charged that millions of motorists are being "short-changed" when they put their nickels into parking meters. The organization said most of the $100,000,000 paid in parking meter fees annually was being spent on "municipal projects unrelated to parking."

A BOMB USE

Admiral Felix B. Stump, Supreme United States Commander in the Pacific and Asia, recently told a group of military correspondents that the United States must retaliate instantly, possibly with "clean" atomic weapons, "at the first sign of overt Communist aggression anywhere in the world."

PEANUT ACREAGE

A national allotment of 1,610,000 acres for the 1958 crop of peanuts has been announced by the Agriculture Department. This is the same acreage allotted for this year's crop.

CHRISTMAS MONEY

Christmas clubbers - 13,070,000 of them - have saved a total of $1,225,000,000 in commercial bank and institutions this year. The estimated total of $1[illegible] per cent, from [illegible]

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mment On Sports

By Pete Fritchie

...s. In boxing circles, talking about another Ray Corona Basilio fight in ...er, we're not yet certain ... place.

...and here we have some... about it, could be ...ed one or a surprising... In our opinion, Ray ...t up one of the greatest ...r career against Basilio. ...ed in taking into con... Johnson's age at the ... Basilio fight. He had ...ment years ago, of ...he made fine use of ...d left in the recent Ba... and that may remain ...reat demonstrations in ...

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...g feed them well this ...make them gain at least ...pounds a day so they will ...next spring and sum... ...d condition and be grab... ...ly by the butchers. For ...means a full feed ...such as hay, corn or ...In addition, they should ...of protein supplement ...5 pounds of grain daily, ...on the size of the cattle.

...thing the cow herds... ...watch is to start feeding ...efore they start losing ...ch the pastures closely, and as grass starts getting short, begin feeding a little hay, increasing it as the season advances and pasture gets thinner. It is easier to hold them even in weight than it is to bring them back after they lose it.

It is important for cows to maintain weight, and if possible gain a little up to calving time. As soon as they calve they will immediately start losing weight. However, they should carry enough weight at the beginning of the winter season so they will go through to grass time in the spring without getting too thin. They are expected to be thin at grass time, but don't overdo it. Be sure they are healthy and strong and are milking well for their calves.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Nov. 12.- The Willing Workers Circle met in the home of Mrs. Herman Mann last week, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clay, of Nathalie, Va. spent last Sunday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warriner and family.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Greene and family were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey Sunday.

The W. S. C. S. met in the home of Mrs. J. P. Paulette last week, with good attendance.

Mrs. Ivey Holland and Mrs. E. T. Bruce attended the Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary at Staunton, Va. Saturday.

Miss Doris Clapp, of Longwood College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clapp and family.

Little Nancy Hope Brown, of Danville, Va. spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge.

Mrs. Elijah Farrar and children, Patay and Charles, spent Sunday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Garrett, of Norfolk spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

On November 19, the W. M. S. and the Y. W. A. will have a mission study on Africa, beginning at 7:00 P. M. Guests from other churches are invited. Plan now to attend. Mrs. J. E. Greene will teach the book.

Mrs. Ruby Hamilton and Mrs. J. E. Greene attended the executive W. M. U. meeting at Charlotte Court House last Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Greene are attending the General Association of Virginia Baptists in Roanoke from Monday through Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Henderson and family and Glenda Lee Simmons motored to Richmond Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watson visited Mrs. Rachel McFadden and family Sunday.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harvey, of Richmond, to our community.

Those who called in the home of Mr. T. T. Evans Sunday were Mrs. David Paulette and daughters, Mrs. Ed Duffner, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Evans, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Paulette and granddaughter, Joette.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Nothing is more "homey" and delightful on a winter evening than a fire in an open fireplace. The knowhow of modern brick masons and builders has largely eliminated the mess and bother connected with an open fire.

There are endless kinds of fireplace equipment to add pleasure to fire building. New types of dampers on the market do away with the draft usually associated with a fireplace when it is not in use. Modern fire screens and more efficient fire logs make it much safer to have an open fireplace in your home

A fireplace, even when not in use, is an attractive addition to any home. During the summer it will look cool and lovely filled with growing house plants or cut greens. It will provide a center of interest for an otherwise dull room.

Large, Early-American type fireplaces are popular for a den or kitchen these days. They have a double use, providing a perfect charcoal cooker during the winter months.

A wood fire is by far the most attractive kind of fire to have. Hardwoods make the best firewood because they burn longer and hotter. It is a good idea to have a sheltered place to keep some logs. These dry logs will catch quickly and in turn keep the greener wood burning.

Slightly green wood burns more slowly and after it catches, will make a fire that lasts a long time.

There are chemical products on the market that can be thrown into the flames to give many different colored effects to a fire. Pine cones also make interesting fire patterns.

FASHION COMMENTS

Along with all the attention the new and improved hair colorings are receiving from fashion-conscious women, comes new interest in making gray hair more lovely for the lady over 40.

Although other people admire it, the woman who has premature gray hair (between 20 to 35) usually would choose to have her natural hair color if she could. The great grandmother of 80 with dyed hair would look much prettier with her gray hair because her complexion has aged. However, at between 20 and 35, there is such slight aging that if a person wants to spend the time and money on a softly natural dye job, it's a personal affair.

Women of 40 and over would do well to let their hair go gray naturally. This does not mean they can't be just as smart-looking and attractive looking as they were with colored hair. Oftentimes gray hair is a real exciting change and improves a lady's looks.

The best thing to do is to learn to dramatize your gray hair and turn it into a real fashion asset. Keep eyebrows and lashes dark.

Wear more and different colors. Change your makeup to fit your new graying. Both men and women who are graying usually find dark blue and navy more becoming than black.

Keep snowy hair superclean and glossy. It will probably be necessary to wash it more often. You will like to try the new rinses for gray hair until you find one that does the most for your hair and coloring.

Tobacco farmers are being squeezed by acreage reductions.

U. S. auto production is above the 1956 level.

Appomattox is a growing town.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What worm accurately predicts the severity of the coming winter? How can you look at it and read the forecast for the coming winter?

A number of weather experts have confirmed the belief that the caterpillar, known as the "Wooly Bear," accurately forecasts the winter every year.

This may be hard to believe but it has been found that the brown band in the center of the Wooly Bear's length relates to mild weather. If the band is wide, then a mild winter is ahead. If narrow, a severe winter is in store.

As mentioned in an earlier treatment of unusual weather facts, tests of the Wooly Bear's accuracy have proven this caterpillar remarkably accurate. Nature, then, reveals a valuable tip about future weather for those who are interested enough to observe carefully.

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